ARMY IS UNEXCITED AMUSEMENTS FOR OVER GERMAN OFFER RELIEF OF THE MIND

n Business of Driving Huns Out of France Goes Ahead With-out Relaxation.

TREACHERY SUSPECTED

cosal for Evacuation Causes Many les Among Men Who Have Been cing Involuntary Departure

BY DAMON RUNYON.

At the American Argonne Front,

This is the way one American soldier commented today on Germany's

All along the roads leading to the front soldiers could be seen standing everywhere.
in the doorways of wet billets looking Except for a general scarcity of at the papers fresh from Paris carrying news. Some had papers printin English and were reading aloud. Others were trying to read French papers. Some of them were excited and tear. and cheering, but most of them seemed to take it as a matter of course. For days the American soldiers have apparently felt that peace was downtown hotels and the railway not far away. They considered the stations. Not a rubber tire did I see

them much. "Jerry's dogging it," is the way a ing the soldier name for the enemy. Much speculation has been indulged in by the soldiers as to whether Ger-

many is up to some new treachery. Its proposal to evacuate this particular part of France is being comment-ed on sarcastically by the doughboys in view of the enforced evacuation that has been going on during the Up on the front line the men read their papers huddled in dripping dug-

outs, with German shells still breaking around them. Under such conditions, a man has a better perspec-tive of war than some of the men sitting at the fireside in carpet slip-pers. Under such conditions a man s not apt to be as bloodthirsty as the

It was probably difficult for men in the trenches to reconcile the peace talk in the papers with their surroundings. It is still all war up

Further back, behind the lines, the soldiers are already speculating on how long it will take to get them home after peace really comes, and what they will do after they get there. Even while they engage in such speculation they are busy loading munitions and other supplies for the front or making ready to go there

serves. orts churning up the roads leading to the cannon, although the soldiers.
drivers gossip of their future plans The B
as they go. The infantry still moves friends o

forward, afoot and in motor lorries.

The men may be commenting on the prospect of peace as they shuffle The roads are bending under sible.

In the little French towns, women laugh and chatter over the news, because it means that their menfolks will come back to them. They will resume the tilling of the field and going about peaceful pursuits, fearless of shell fire and bombs. But they are not oversanguine. They have been disappointed before. They listen been disappointed before a seat at Wittlesbach's moving picture on Gruenwaldstrasse. The poster presented Mutt and Jew practically every theatre was doing a capacity business.

the world have seen it, and they have to Germany from some neutral remained steadfast throughout it for country.

in France are the German prisoners.
Patches of them in the dull-gray uniforms which seemed unusually dull this somber, rainy day, could be seen here and there along the roads, herded by American and French guards.

mind of the average American here who has seen the ruined towns and the devastated countryside is that the Germans are getting off only too easy if their own land escapes retribution.

It is reported they are not now burning towns up at the front as they burning towns up at the front as they have done the more mechanical requirements of the more mechan

How Singing Speeds Work.
According to Peter Dykama, of the
War Camp Communiti Service, the
value of "community sings" in every
line of wartime service can hardly be

The War Camp Community Service

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Aducting an active singing camin Washington, D. C., with
k singing," where groups of
bors are gathered together in
kreet; four-minute sings in the
ag picture houses, and store and
y sings, in which a certain time
of the employes.

Dykema is queted as saying
the construction of the new Navy
mg in Washington was undoubtcompleted in record time due to
flect of the "singing men."

Labor turnover at the Navy
mg," said Professor Dykema,
reaching a total of 600 men a
After the singing groups were
of this turnover was reduced 50
alone—but more than all in
reacted assuet of labor—esprit de

for festive occasions, although a stout
man across the table told me, sorrowfully, that prices were "entxetlich."
He said the fashion just then was to
"turn" an old suit or dress.

By watching breast pockets on the
streets and in cafes I discovered how
general the practice of old suits had
become. Fully two-thirds of the
breast pockets I saw in Berlin were
on the right side of the coat.

During my visit summer sports
were engaging Berlin. The Grunewald track was in fullblast, particularly on the Sunday I was there. The
parade of vehicles that passed Unter
den Linden, proceeded through the
Brandeberger Tor and Tiergarten
out to Charlottenburg, and beyond,
to the track.

The shortage of taxis and curtailed
steam, road facilities had brought out
of the ark all manner of four, and
tracted assect of labor—esprit de
wo-wheeled rigs which had been converted into busses sign semi-busses.

All Sorts of Diversions in Berlin to Detract Attention from Horrors

HAVE PERFECT CAMOUFLAGE.

Dense Line for Weekly Allowance of Five Cigars Per Man-Great Crowds Attend Races to Keep Mind Off

By ALFRED G. ANDERSEN. (Copyright, 1918, by Star Company.) On my first morning walk down Oct. 17.—"It reminds me of the last Unter den Linden in Berlin nothing few minutes of the last quarter of a football game, when our side has only ten yards to gain and they blow the who outwardly suggested physical whistle for 'time." Why wern't they at the

dier commented today on Germany's acceptance of President Wilson's peace conditions. The soldier is a former Harvard football player. He was standing in the muddy road reading a damp newspaper, with the rain drops trickling from his steel helmet. He spoke quite dispassionately.

"Yes, or in the last round, when a guy is on the floor, being counted out," said another, who did not go to Harvard. He was just as dispassionate.

front?

The answer came when I collided with a husky young man founding the corner at Friederichstrasse and Unter den Linden. He touched his hat and made apology. But his hand was not flesh and blood. It was wooden substitute. After that I subjected all these young civilians to closer scrutiny and found that practically every one was a camouflaged cripple from the battle to whom surgical skill had restored an outward appearance of stored an outward appearance of stored an outward appearance of physical soundness. Hands and legs of wood and rubber were in evidence

taxicabs and the presence of emaciated horses drawing wagons and cabs Ber-lin presents comparatively few outward indications of wartimes wear True, measured by peace standards, the city looked a bit un-washed. Such automobiles as could be found plied chiefly between big downtown hotels and the railway not far away. They considered the capitulation of Germany inevitable, so the materialization of the fact—if it is a fact—does not appear to surprise rims to ease the joiting as they sped over the streets.

Crossing Unter den Linden I ob-Five Cigars Per Week.

approached the crowd expecting to

reading habit had been introcheap paper-bound novels purchased from book peddlers at thirty pfen-nings (about seven cents) each.

Turn Homes Into Hospitals.
On the west side of Berlin I found the long row of military hospitals. Thousands of residence, including fully three-fourths of the buildings in aristocratic Kurfursten Damn, have been requisitioned for wounded

The Berliner himself unless he has friends or relatives to visit, give such boys under military age—are taking boys under military age—are taking

the dripping packs, but they push on for that reason the Berliner goes in heavily for theatres and moving In the little French towns, women pictures. Prices have advanced at all tennis courts.

been disappointed before. They listen eagerly to the American soldiers' explanations of the situation.

The wonderful French soldiers, who are also still shoving steadily along on their front, beam when "la paix" is mentioned. They have seen war as no other soldier in the history of the world have seen it and they have to Germany from some neutral picture on Gruenwaldstrasse. The poster presented Mutt and Jeff practicing their antics in a submarine of indeterminate nationality. Of course, I thought it was some Teutonic version of Bud Fisher's famous pets. Imagine my surprise when I found it was the real thing, probably exported to Germany from some neutral contents.

four years. They are pleased over the possibility of peace, but chiefly because it is peace with victory.

Probably the most delighted men it is probable that the audience did not know the film was of American

not know the film was of American origin, as it bore no imprint and the captions had been translated into German. Still it is possible that they would not have cared, as I found that the bulk of films, plays and operas presented in Berlin were English or

the bulk of films, plays and operas presented in Berlin were Buglish or American.

One of them, in a bunch taken by the Americans, once tended bar in a saloon on Ninth avenue, New York. He is going back there as soon as he gets his liberty.

One thing is certain in the minds of all—that it is a complete triumph of the allies and Americans over the Germans.

The first thought that strikes the mind of the average American here

burning towns up at the front as they retreat, but they already have done so much in that line that no last-minute sparing by their inhuman hand can ever repay. Civilians are re-entering tawns almost as fast as they are evacuated. They live in the ruins of their former homes until they can get something better.

But the more mechanical requirements of their productions. The cashier at the Deutsche theatre told me that but for the stage help and mechanics drawn from the ranks of French and British prisoners all the playhouses in Berlin would be closed.

Late in the afternoon I sauntered into Cafe Bauer on Unter den Linden for a drink. The place was crowded

Inte in the afternoon I sauntered into Cafe Bauer on Unter den Linden for a drink. The place was crowded, but the clothes of neither men nor women suggested the dearth of textiles which I learned later actually exists in Berlin. Somehow, everybody appeared to still have one presentable germent left for visits to cafes and for festive occasions, although a stout for festive occasions, although a stout man across the table told me, sorrow-fully, that prices were "entzetlich." He said the fashion just then was to

out to Charlottellou.

The shortage of taxis and curtailed steam, road facilities had brought out of the ark all manner of four- and two-wheeled rigs which had been contwo-wheeled rigs which had been contwo-wheeled rigs which had been continuous.



big infantryman expressed it when served a large crowd of men in front the news of the first German offer reached the front line. "Jerry" be
Five Cigars Per Week.

British, French and Belgian forces continued their advance in Belgiam. Belgian patrols reaching the immediate neighborhood of Thielt, ten miles northeast of Roulers. Slightly to the south of this town the allied soldiers are well past the northern limits of Courtrai and that city seemingly is in the process of being enveloped. British British, French and Belgian forces continued their advance in Belgium. Belgian patrols reaching the immemany thousand pieces. These armor defenses include arm and leg guards, are well past the northern limits of Courtral and that city seemingly is in the process of being enveloped. British forces, it is officially reported, have entered the southwestern suburbs of Lille, the great French manufacturing "Some accident," I thought, and center and the key point for all the Germans in Flanders.

"Some accident," I thought, and approached the crowd expecting to approached the crowd expecting to find a maimed form on the pavement. But I did not. It was simply a great queue of men gathered at a tobacco store awaiting their turn to purchase the government weekly allowance of five cigars. Cigars are so scarce that devotees stand in line for several hours to get just enough smokes to last them until nightfall.

During my first day in Berlin I encountered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of desperate smokers. One was of women attracted to a vegetable store by announcement that some cabbages had been received. Others were pleasure-seekers lined up in front of the theorem of the countered accordance in the countered at least a bean and the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of pleasure-seekers lined up in front of the countered accordance in the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of pleasure-seekers lined up in front of the countered at least a countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of pleasure-seekers lined up in front of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of pleasure-seekers lined up in front of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of greated and the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a dozen such queues, but they weren't all lines of the countered at least a do

of weeks before \$435,000 had changed loon for fear of losing their trade.'

hospitals a wide berth, as his pre-dominating thought at that time was to keep his mind off the war as pos-to keep his mind off the war as poshave not been supplanted by German

> As I watched a game in one of the smaller west side streets a foul ball hit me on the leg. I picked up the ball and examined it before throwing it to its owner. It was made of a synthetic rubber and bounded.

Athletic meets, bicycle races and marathons, I learned, are regular afternoon features. neutral newspaper friend told me that at a recent general athletic meet at the giant stadium most of the con-tests were by young soldiers home on leave. All these amusements are fostered by the government. Anything to take the public mind away from the carnage at the front.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO COME

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The St. Louis Republic of September 22 ran a story under the caption,
"Property Will Increase When Sa-loons Close. Prohibition to Cause

"Property Will Increase When Saloons Close. Prohibition to Cause Improvement in store Rentals and Values, is Opinion."

It looks like a paid ad from the Apti-Saloon league, but it is not. The story has not been solicited by prohibition workers, but appears purely as real estate news, and is the cold-blooded business opinion of the real estate men of this brewery city. The story follows:

"Owners of store properties in St. Louis will not be forced to make a

Louis will not be forced to make a readjustment of values on their prem-ises, but will reap more profit by modernizing their property as a result of the prohibition movement, which will

make itself felt on December 1.

'Approximately 1.500 stores in St.
Louis are occupied by saloons today,
and at least one-fourth of this number are expected to close on January 3, 1919. Licenses of about 400 saloons will expire at the end of the current year, and it is not expected that any of them will be renewed. With no beer or other stimulants manufactur-ed after December 1, it is expected that the balance of the saloons will be closed within four months from this date.

"There are many sides to the ques-tion involved which are of interest to real estate and property owners, the lender and the tenant. From the standpoint of the owner rentals not be affected, according to well-in-formed real estate agents, but, on the

which are considered most important, in view of the fact that hospital sta-

theatre box offices, patiently waiting to obtain tickets for next week's pertickets presented a spectacle far more
tickets presented a spectacle far more
formance at exorbitant prices. A small dilapidated, ugly-looking structure, which is really a setback to the
entire neighborhood. The owner of specialty of leasing corner properties
the saloon doesn't think of improving yesterday said: The pari-mutuel system of betting the property as the element of trade the saloon doesn't think of improving yesterday said: duced by enterprising book peddlers obtained at Grunewald as at all Gerhe gets doesn't care about the looks saloonkeepers will close their places
I saw queues of more than two hunman tracks. The state takes 15 per of the building. Merchants or store at the close of the year and not redred people all with noses buried in cent of the money paid in. The redowners who cater to women refuse to

faced butcher told me that a couple place their business near the corner sa-edict against the manufacturing of of weeks before \$435,000 had changed loon for fear of losing their trade.' beer and other stimulants. There unhands on a single Sunday.

"However, with the corner saloon doubtedly will be a scramble for the "In peace years," he added boast- a thing of the past, and in its stead corner stores by merchants now lofully, "the betting record was usually an ice cream parlor or cigar store or cated in interior stores, and an in-reached at the German derby in Ham-dry goods house," tradesmen in the crease in rentals will probably result. reached at the German derby in Hamburg and 700,000 marks (about \$175,000) was then looked upon as a good day's betting."

I noticed that long shots were rare, and the betting odds rarely looked alluring.

Berlin's youth—young girls and boys under military age—are taking

"There is but little doubt that many

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Twenty-five types of armor have

been made, so far, in the various fac-

tories, in lots varying from 100 to

eral Pershing.



Must Guard Women Wo One firm, which employs 205 men, presented an interesting ment when asked by the national dustrial conference board regarding the advisability of the further employ

ment of women in industry. "The future of the race depe Workshop in Metropolitan Museum, absolutely upon the moral stren of the women, and if the employ Perhaps the strangest workshop in labor is not of the caliber that be United States is situated in the this moral strength, there is Metropolitan Museum of Art, New danger in the employment of York City, where are being produced

r models men," wrote an executive of this firm Most employers, the board feit. to be adopted and copied for the use of soldiers of the United States army.

A famous French artisan is in charge of the shop, which has been turned over to the ordnance branch of the profitable, than to anything else.

much as the war in Europe has brought back into use many discarded weapons and practices of medieval times. Hand-to-hand discharged for the state of medieval times. Hand-to-hand fighting has the adoption of heavy breast-by the Germans and lighter TO CALOTABS OVERNIGH

mored waistcoats are worn by the Italians. All the armies employ steel helmets and trench shields.

Fortunately, the Metropolitan museum possesses one of the greatest collections of armor in the world. The workshop was established for the purpose of cleaning, repairing and restoring the precious pieces assembled with great care from all parts of the world. It happened that included in the collar transfer and trench shields.

To break up a cold over night or tecture short an attack of influenza of more recommending Calotabe, the new nausealess calomel, that is, purified from all dangerous and sickening effects. Those who have tried it say that it acts like magic, by far more effective and certain than the old structure of the collar transfer and trench shields. It happened that included in the col-lection are ninety kinds of anvils and ed by all physicians.

"stakes," several hundred hammers of different types, and curious shears and time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor that One Calotab on the tongue at bed other instruments.

When the war began, the director of the museum, acting with the sanction of the trustees, placed the department of armor at the disposal of the secretary of war. Since then many designs have been carefully worked out by Major Dean, formerly curator of armor who went teed by all druggists. Your money to France to study needs last autumn back if you are not delighted .-- adv.

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